MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know from the Chief Engineer when the Deputy Chief Engineer was appointed?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: About 8 months ago Sir.

Deputy Chief Engineer.

173. ✻ MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) What are the duties of the present Deputy Chief Engineer; and

(b) what the present Deputy Chief Engineer's qualifications are?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: *(a)* Assisting the Chief Engineer in all matters but essentially to control the office, regulate the work, check the details of all technical work particularly those relating to the Post War Works.

(b) B. A. and B. E. of the Madras University and wide practical experience in several project and construction works in the Madras P. W. D. and elsewhere.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether the honourable member is aware that the Deputy Chief Engineer is a retired officer from more than one Government?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I am perfectly aware Sir.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether there are not persons in service, with similar experience?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: No Sir, not with that special experience.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know what that special experience is?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: He has wide practical experience in several project and construction works. He is considered to be one of the very good officers of investigation and execution.

Duties of the Deputy Chief Engineer.

174. ✻ MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the qualifications of the Deputy Chief Engineer; and

(*b*) the functions and duties of the Deputy Chief Engineer?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) and (*b*) The member is referred to the answer to Question No. 173.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether he is carrying on investigation in Travancore?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Mostly he is working in my office. He is assisting me in checking up details of all technical work. He is checking up accounts so that I may not have to go into the very details.

MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI: Is he checking work in fields?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I occasionally depute him to go and see things.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: Has he ever gone to any field?

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